GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Procurement of Pulses
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to procure lentils, arhar, gram, mustard, soyabean etc. at minimum support price like wheat and paddy to provide adequate remunerative prices to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The total quantum and price of the above commodities procured by the Government during the last three years and the current year, item-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government through Central nodal agencies viz., NAFED, SFAC, CWC, NCCF and FCI is already procuring oil seeds and pulses under Price Support Scheme (PSS). This scheme is implemented at the request of the concerned State Government which agree to exempt the procured commodities from levy of mandi tax and assist central nodal agencies in logistic arrangements, including gunny bags, working capital for state agencies, creation of revolving fund for PSS operations, etc. as required under the scheme guidelines. The procurement of oilseeds and pulses are undertaken by Central agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the Government as and when prices fall below the MSP. Besides this, with a view to create a buffer stock of pulses, Government is also procuring pulses at MSP through Price Stabilization Fund (PSF).

(c): A statement indicating the details of total quantum and price of the above commodities procured at MSP by the Government under PSS and PSF during the last three years and the current year, item-wise is placed at Annexure − I.